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(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a list of such persons and associations;

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to take to give relief to their sufferings; and

(*d*) whether the question of remitting the suspended revenue has been considered by the Government; if so, with what result?

A.—(*a*) Representations have been received asking for concessions in respect of land revenue and water-cess.

(*b*) A list of such representations received since March 1933 is annexed.[a]

(*c*) & (*d*) The questions are under examination.

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether the question of remission is being considered only in regard to Tanjore or in regard to other districts as well?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"It is being considered in regard to other districts as well."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know if there is any proposal to grant relief to the agriculturists during the coming year?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"The question is under consideration."

Levy of new water-rate for second crop and udu cultivation in the Tanjore district.

* 291 *Q.*—Mr. A. PL. N. V. NADIMUTHU PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum from the Tanjore Old Delta Landholders' Association in the Tanjore district on the new water-rate for second crop and udu cultivation;

(*b*) whether the memorandum has been considered by the Government; if so, with what result;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Collector of Tanjore has issued a circular by which lands of extent of less than 10 cents in which udu cultivation is being carried on, have been directed not to be included in the list of lands exempt from the new water-rates if they are part of a subdivision and not a whole subdivision; and

(*d*) whether the Government have authorized such distinctions?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The memorandum is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

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(d) The order passed by the Government was that where only a portion of a registered survey field or subdivision had been under udu cultivation at any time up to and including fasli 1342, the entire survey number or subdivision should be exempt from second-crop charge if the portion was 10 cents or more: but that if the portion was less than 10 cents the entire survey number or subdivision should be liable to the charge. The Government have since modified the latter part of this order and directed that where the portion is less than 10 cents the concession of exemption from second-crop charge granted for udu cultivation should be allowed in respect of the survey number or subdivision up to the extent of such cultivation.

Reclassification of irrigation sources in the Tanjore district.

* 292 Q.—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons which induced the Government to issue G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated 14th July 1933, reclassifying the irrigation sources in the Tanjore district which are third class into second class and second class into first class; and

(b) whether any additional revenue is raised by such reclassification?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the preamble to the notification appended to G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated the 14th July 1933, which has been placed at the disposal of the Press.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

Repairs to irrigation tanks and spring channels at Government expense.

* 293 Q.—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether lands irrigated by spring channels are classified as wet and taxed on the same basis as the wet lands irrigated by the tanks;

(b) whether it is a fact that the tanks are repaired by the Government at their expense and, if so, at what intervals;

(c) whether spring channels are repaired periodically and maintained at Government cost; and

(d) if not, the reason for not repairing and maintaining the spring channels?

A.—(a) Ordinarily, ryotwari dry lands under minor irrigation sources whether tanks or channels are classed as wet if they have been regularly irrigated for five years and more without objection. As regards the principles laid down for the settlement of assessment on ryotwari lands the hon. Member's attention is invited to Board's Standing Order No. 1.